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In re Patent Application of:

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For: **ALPHA LIPOIC ACID BASED FOOD SUPPLEMENT FOR INCREASING
LEAN MUSCLE MASS AND STRENGTH**

Hon. Commissioner for Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

AMENDMENT UNDER RULE 116

Sir:

This Amendment is in response to the Final Office Action dated May 3, 2002, the time for response to which expired on August 3, 2002, which date has been extended by the concurrent filing of a petition for a THREE-MONTH extension of time, including the required fee. The extended date for response to the Action therefore expires on November 3, 2002. Applicants request that the following Amendment be entered in the above-identified application.

STATUS OF CLAIMS:

Claims 1-15 are presently pending in the application. Claims 16-43 have been